

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain pending. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5 and 9 have been amended.

The examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5 and 9 as indefinite. Claim 3 was amended to reflect dependency from claim 1. Claims 1, 5 and 9 were corrected as suggested by the examiner. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.


Claim 3 was rejected as anticipated by Fike U.S. patent 4,529,367. Claim 3 in independent form was found to have been met by Fike '367 according to the examiner.

The amendment of claim 3 to dependency from claim 1 renders this rejection moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The art of record fails to teach the employment of a frangible member used to vent to the atmosphere when the curing chamber reaches a predetermined pressure, P_1 , P_1 being greater than the tire curing pressure.

For the reasons stated above, applicants believe the application has been placed in a condition of allowability and the examiner is urged to pass the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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